MI-17 crash in Poonch, J&K

43. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force helicopter MI-17 crashed on 21.06.2005 in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured in the accident;

(c) whether an inquiry into the incident has been ordered; and

(d) if so, whether inquiry report has been received if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No person was killed; however, sixteen personnel were injured.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. Necessary action will be initiated on the finalisation of the Court of Inquiry.

Defence personnel killed in J&K earthquake

44. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of defence personnel, cadre-wise, who lost their lives in Jammu and Kashmir due to the earthquake of 8th October, 2005 and also while engaged in rescue in operations, separately;

(b) whether any special compensation in the form of additional pension and gratuity is proposed to be given to their spouses and dependents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The details of Army personnel killed in earthquake of 8th October, 2005 and